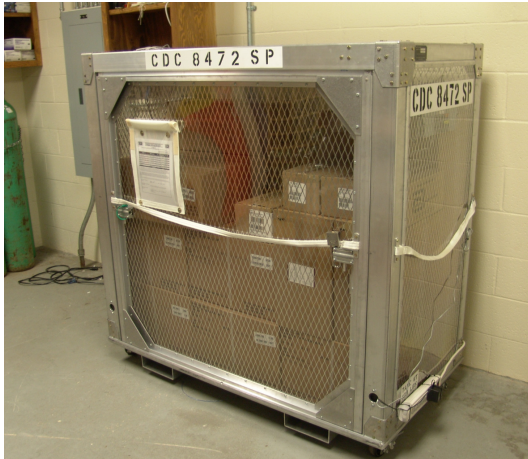


Virginia **CHEMPACK** Program

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has partnered with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and local agencies to place nerve agent antidotes in various facilities throughout Virginia.

CHEMPACK Container



Pharmaceuticals found in the container:

- Atropine sulfate 0.4mg/ml 20ml vials
- Pralidoxime 1gm vials
- Sterile water for injection 20ml vials
- Diazepam 5mg/ml 10ml vials
- Mark-I Nerve Agent Antidote Kits (auto-injectors)
- Atropen 0.5mg auto-injectors
- Atropen 1.0mg auto-injectors
- Diazepam 5mg auto-injectors

Each CHEMPACK container weighs about 700 pounds. **Individual boxes may be removed from the container and transported to the field or to another hospital.** Host facilities must meet strict environmental and security controls in order to protect and maintain the supplies in the Shelf Life Extension Program (SLEP).

When to Use CHEMPACK Container Supplies:

Containers may be opened at the discretion of a *competent authority* when a nerve agent release is suspected or confirmed **and** normally available supplies are of insufficient quantity to provide treatment.

A *competent authority* is defined as:

- Hospital ED Senior Physician on duty
- EMS Operations Officer
- Emergency management coordinator/designee
- Hazardous Materials Officer
- Incident Commander
- State Health Commissioner
- District Health Director
- State and Local CHEMPACK Coordinators (i.e., Health Department Emergency Planners)

What to Do When CHEMPACK Resources Are Needed:

1. **Open the container.** Designated staff should respond to the location where the container is stored, break the plastic seal, remove the padlock (using the key given to the facility point of contact), move the left and right levers (found under both locking mechanisms) to the center, and remove the door by lifting the door up and swinging the bottom of the door out and down.
2. **Coordinate the delivery of pharmaceuticals to healthcare providers.** CHEMPACK resources may be transferred from one hospital to another or to EMS providers for emergency use. Document the transfer of diazepam custody on the CHEMPACK Controlled Substance Transfer Form (found in the pouch attached to the container).
3. **Follow your organization or agency treatment protocols for administration.** See the pouch attached to the container for a sample dosing guidance document.
4. **Notify VDH as quickly as practical after opening the container.** This may be accomplished by calling the Emergency Response Hotline listed below.

VDH Emergency Response Hotline 1-866-531-3068